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SONIC SUPER SPECIAL

IT BEGAN WITH THE DISCOVERY OF AN OBSCURE DIGITAL FILE BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

WHICH LED HIM TO THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY TO FIND A CREATURE CALLED PERFECT CHAOS!

BUT UPON FREEDING MYTHICAL WATER ENTITY FROM ITS BLACK EMERALD PRISON THE TWISTED GENIUS LEARNED--

THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE THE POWER OF SEVEN SUPER-EMERALDS TO HELP THIS ELEMENTAL FORCE ACHIEVE ITS TRUE POTENTIAL!!

MEANWHILE, AFTER LEARNING OF ROBOTNIK'S PROJECT, AMY ROSE HEDGEHOG MADE A WISH UPON THE MAGICAL RING OF ACORNS--

--AND AGED SEVERAL YEARS--

--CAUSING HER DREAM TO BECOME REALITY, NOW SHE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPANY SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS--

--AS THEY DEPARTED KNOT-HOLE KINSDOM TO WARN THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS' ATTACKS OF ROBOTNIK'S LATEST SCHEME!

--WHEN THE EGGMAN AND HIS PROGRAMMED SHADOW-BOTS SUDDENLY ATTACKED HIS HOME ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

ROBOTNIK SHATTERED ITS MASTER EMERALD, THE ONLY SOURCE OF ENERGY KEEPING THE ISLAND AFOAT--

BUT FOR KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA GUARDIAN¹ THERE WAS NO SUCH WARNING--

--SO AS TO RETRIBUTIVE THE WEAKENED CHAOS USING THE EMERALD'S SCATTERED SHARDS!

KNUCKLES SCARFED OFF IN SEARCH OF THE LOST PRISMS!

NOT TOO FAR AWAY IN CAT COUNTRY, A WEAKENED CHAOS SPLIT OFF FROM ITSELF--

--GAINING THE ATTENTION OF ONE OF ITS NATIVES, BIG THE CAT--

--WHEN HIS BEST FRIEND, FROGGY, ACCIDENTALLY SWALLOWED IT AND GREW A TAIL!

AFTER FROGGY'S KIDNAPPING AT THE HANDS OF THE EGGSMAN'S MECHANIZED DRONE, E-102--

IN THE NEARBY HIDDEN CITY SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE WELCOMED BY THE CITY'S HUMAN INHABITANTS--

--BUT THEN AMY ROSE WAS PLUCKED FROM THE STREETS BY TWO MORE OF ROBOTNIK'S DRONES--

MEANWHILE ROBOTNIK REJOICED AS CHAOS REACHED THE FIRST STAGE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT--STAGE ZERO!

KNUCKLES TRACED A FEW EMERALD SHARDS TO THE MYSTIC RUINS OUTSIDE OF THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS--

--WHERE HE GAINED A NEW ALLY IN THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF AN ECHIDNA TRIBE THAT LIVED THERE AGES BEFORE.¹⁰

--AFTER RESCUING A MOBIAN FLICKY BIRD FROM BEING CAPTURED BY THEM!!

--BIG SWORE TO SOMEHOW FIND THE WOTCHED ROBOT--

SONIC, ON THE OTHER HAND, FOUND A BRAND-NEW ADVERSARY IN THE FORM OF CHAOS ZERO--

--WHICH BRINGS US
TO RIGHT NOW AT THE
HIDDEN CITY'S STATION
SQUARE HOTEL!

WOW, SONIC--
YOU TACKLED A
REAL-LIVE WATER
MONSTER?

TOTALLY!
TOO BAD IT
ESCAPED
INTO THE
SEWER!¹²

YOU'VE DONE
MORE THAN
YOUR FAIR SHARE,
SONIC-- I EXTEND
MY GRATITUDE
ON BEHALF OF
THE ENTIRE
CITY.

NO PROBLEMO,
MAYOR BULLYANI,
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND
MY ASKING... DOES
THIS SORT O' THING
HAPPEN AROUND
HERE ALL THE
TIME?

NO... BUT IT
SOUNDS LIKE
AN OLD LEGEND
GRANOPA USED
TO SCARE ME
WHEN I WAS A
KID--

--INVOLVING A
CREATURE CALLED
"PERFECT CHAOS". IT'S
GOT SOMETHING TO
DO WITH THE ANCIENT
RUINS OUTSIDE THE--

SORRY TO
INTERRUPT
BUT HAS
ANYONE SEEN
AMY ROSE?

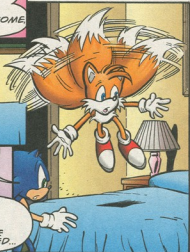
NOPE!

NOT SINCE
YESTERDAY
AFTER-
NOON!¹³



SHE'S NOT
IN HER ROOM,
EITHER!
DIDN'T
SHE COME HOME,
SONIC?

I DON'T
THINK SO,
TAILS. AMY'S
BED IS STILL
MADE UP FROM
YESTERDAY.



WHERE
COULD SHE
BE?

NO OLUE, SAL, BUT
I'VE GOT A BIG, FAT HUNCH
THAT AMY'S DISAPPEAR-
ANCE AND THE WATER
MONSTER'S APPEARANCE
ARE SOMEHOW CONNECTED...

...AND THAT
"SOMEHOW" IS
ROBOTNIK!

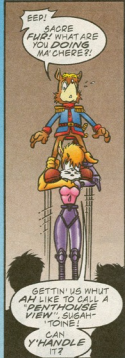


WHO IS THIS
GUY? I HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
AROUND THE
CITY AT
ALL!

IF THERE'S ONE
THING WE'VE LEARNED
ABOUT DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK, YOUR
HONOR...

...IT'S THAT JUST
BECAUSE WE CAN'T SEE
HIM DOESN'T MEAN HE'S
NOT THERE! IN THE MEAN-
TIME, WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS...

...WILL
SPLIT UP
INTO THREE
TEAMS!



"...WHILE UNCLE NATE NICOLE, AND I WILL RE-SEARCH THIS "PERFECT CHAOS" LEGEND AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY...

THIS BOOK APPEARS TO BE OLDER THAN THE HIDDEN CITY ITSELF, PRINCESS...

...AND CONTAINS INFORMATION WRITTEN IN AN ANCIENT LANGUAGE.

NICOLE, CAN YOU GIVE US A ROUGH TRANS-LATION?

OF COURSE, Princess Sally. The TEXT is in "OLD ECHIDNAESE"---

--and tells of a nomadic TRIBE of echidnes who once SETTLED in the nearby VALLEY.

The tribe could only WATCH as the native IN-HABITANTS of this land, the benevolent CHAO, worshipped their GOD--

--an entity COMPRISED of pure, perfect H2O--"

--PERFECT CHAOS.

Chaos UNLEASHED its watery FURY on the frightened echidnes--

--until the Chaos ABSORBED their deity's energies and were themselves TRANSFORMED into seven super-emeralds--

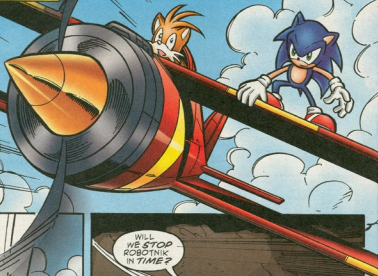
--the only EXISTING ones on Mobius, which were then DISPERSED around the GLOBE.

I FOUND ONE OF THEM YEARS AGO AND USED IT TO FORGE THE RING OF ACORNS, WHOSE ENERGIES NOW INFUSE AMY ROSE!

OH NO! IF ROBOTNIK IS REVIVING CHAOS...

...HE PROBABLY PLANS TO USE AMY'S ENERGY TO HELP HIM!

"...LEAVING SONIC
AND TAILS TO
FIND THAT WATER
MONSTER!"



YOU
THINK **THAT'S**
WHERE IT'LL BE,
SONIC?

IT ISN'T
A SURE SHOT,
TAILS!
...BUT RIGHT
NOW THESE
MYSTIC RUINS
THAT THE MAYOR
MENTIONED
ARE OUR BEST
BET!

WILL
WE STOP
ROBOTNIK
IN TIME?

I SURE
HOPE SO,
PAL!

...BUT I'M
BEGINNING TO
GET A REALLY BAD
FEELING ABOUT
THIS!

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CHAPTER 2



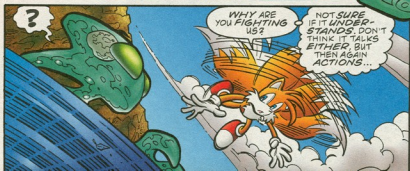
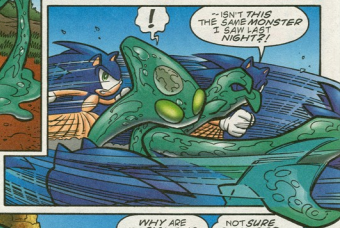
SONIC AND
TAILS?

"HERE..."



"...NOW?!"







THE GREEN
ROCKS IN THIS
FIELD WHERE WE
JUST LANDED...

...LOOK LIKE
MORE PIECES
FROM THE MASTER
EMERALD!

BETTER
GRAB HOLD
OF THEM...

...

...BEFORE THE
CREATURE DOES!
THEIR ENERGIES
SEEM TO BE CHANG-
ING IT... MAKING IT
GROW...

"...LARGER!"

UGH!

THOOM

WHUUUFF!

GOTTA HURRY
UP AND...

SHRAKT

WHA--?!
UH-OH! SOMETHING
TRIPPED ME!

GUILTY AS CHARGED! HA! LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!

EGGMAN!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

AND HE'S GOT TWO MORE CHUNKS FROM THE MASTER EMERALD!

THAT'S RIGHT, FOOLS! YOU'VE MADE IT ALL TOO EASY! YOU PRACTICALLY GAVE THEM TO ME!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, CREEP!

YOUR SCHEME WON'T SUCCEED!

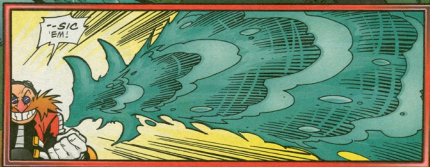
OH, REALLY? CHAOS...

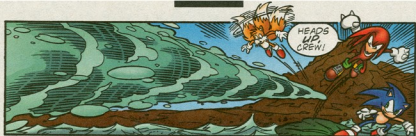
...THESE ARE FOR YOU, MY FRIEND!

"AWWWW...IT'S TRANSFORMED AGAIN!"

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CHAPTER 3





HEADS
UP,
CREW!



TO REALLY
HARM US...

SPLASH



...YOUR PAL
HAS TO MOVE WAY
FASTER THAN THAT,
EGGMAN!

CHAOS'S STRENGTH
INCREASES EVERY TIME IT'S
FED A PIECE OF THE
MASTER EMERALD!

AFTER ABSORBING
SEVEN IN ALL, THE
BEAST WILL BE INVINC-
IBLE AND MINE TO
COMMAND!

TOGETHER
WE'LL DESTROY
THE HIDDEN CITY OF
THE ANCIENTS, AND ON
ITS RUINS I'LL BUILD
A NEW--

--ROBOTNIKLAND!





SONIC! KNUCKLES!
WE CAN'T LET HIM
GET AWAY WITH THIS,
CAN WE?

NO WAY,
TAILS!

LET'S DO
IT TO IT!



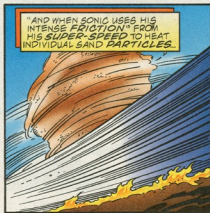
SK-THOOM



HERE'S MUD
IN YOUR EYE...

...OR IN
THIS
CASE,
SAND!

FWOOSH



"AND WHEN SONIC USES HIS
INTENSE FRICTION" FROM
HIS SUPER-SPEED TO HEAT
INDIVIDUAL SAND PARTICLES...



"...HE'LL CREATE A
GLASS PRISON
FOR CHAOS!"



IN
YOUR FACE,
EGGMAN!

NO! MY
PERFECTLY
EXECUTED
PLAN
IS~



UH-OH! LOOK!
CHAOS IS SPLASHING
AROUND SO HARD...



...IT'S
BREAKING
THE GLASS!

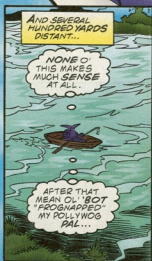
KER-RAKKT



HEY! HE'S
GETTING
AWAY!

ADIEU...
UNTIL WE MEET
AGAIN, MY
"FRIENDS!" HA!
HA! HA!

YOU GUYS GO!
I'VE GOT SOME
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
TO TAKE CARE OF!

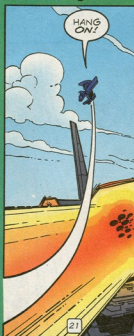
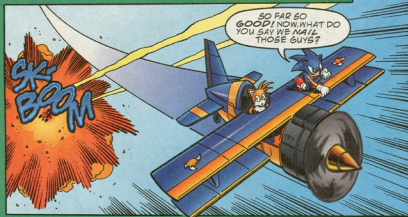


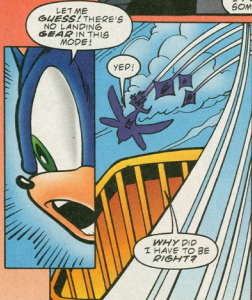


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MEANWHILE...

THIS MISSION IS
A HECKUVA LOT MORE
COMPLICATED
THAN I THOUGHT IT'D
BE!

I HAD A SNEAKY FEELING
THAT THE EGGMAN WAS
BEHIND THE FLOATING
ISLAND'S FALL FROM THE
SKY...

WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW
WAS THAT HE'D BE USING
BITS OF THE MASTER
EMERALD TO RESURRECT
A WATER DEMON! SO
WHAT NOW?

WE WARN
THE HIDDEN CITY
OF THEIR APPROACH?
LET'S GO!



NO ONE HAS SEEN
THE POWER THIS VES-
SEL HAS! IT CAN TRANS-
FORM INTO A GIANT
DRILL!

WAIT'LL
THEY GET A LOAD
OF THIS!



I'LL HEAD
RIGHT THROUGH THE
MOUNTAIN TOWARD THE
HIDDEN CITY!

IF WE'RE TO CONTINUE
WE NEED TO CHANGE THIS
SHIP BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL
SHAPE!

THERE MUST BE A SWITCH
ON THIS BRIDGE! I'VE GOTTA
FIND IT NOW! AH-HA!
DID IT!



EMERGENCY ALERT
HAS BEEN CANCELED.
RESUMING MONORAIL
OPERATION.



WAY TO GO,
SONIC!

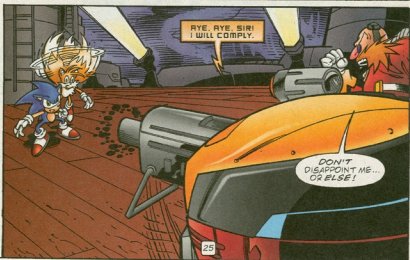
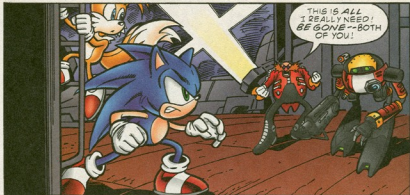
ALWAYS
WITH THE FLOW,
BUD!



NOW,
LET'S--

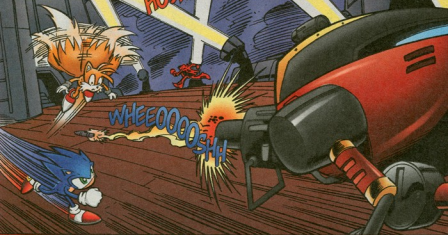


OH,
WONDERFUL!

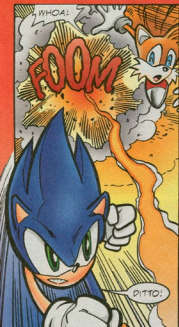


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HO!HO!HO!HO!HO!



WHEE OOO SHH



WHOA!

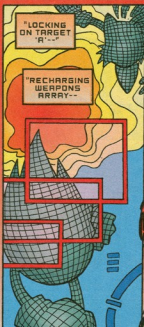
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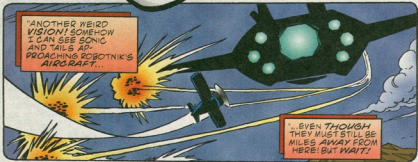
DITTO!

"LOCKING
ON TARGET
'A'--"

"RECHARGING
WEAPONS
ARRAY--"

--AND
FIRING!





"...THEN MY HOMIES
FROM KNOTHOLE
ARE MAKING A
SPECIAL DELIVERY
DIRECTLY TO CHAOS
WITHOUT EVEN KNOW-
ING IT!

"I STILL
CAN'T FIGURE
OUT THAT
CREEPY
MONSTER!

"IS THIS A
DREAM?
MORE LIKE
A NIGHT-
MARE!"

I'VE GOTTA MAKE
SURE IT DOESN'T
BECOME A REALITY!

HUH?!

SUDDENLY
I'M ABOARD
EGGMAN'S FLYING
FORTRESS, BUT HOW?

DOESN'T
MATTER! WEIRDER
THINGS HAVE
HAPPENED...

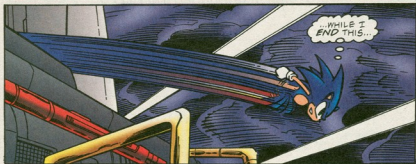
...AND I BET MORE
STRANGENESS IS
ABOUT TO GO DOWN!





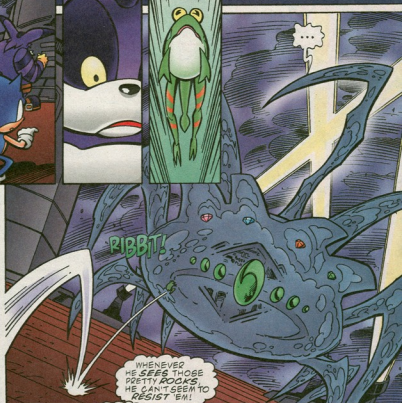


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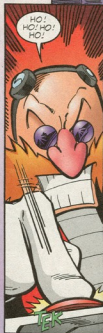




RIBBIT!







HO!
HO! HO!
HO!

TEK



EXCELLENT,
CHAOS! I'M QUITE
IMPRESSED WITH
YOUR CURRENT IN-
CARNATION!

Zip

Zip



YOU WON'T
GET AWAY WITH
THIS, YOU
MADMAN!

"BUT I WILL! EVEN
THOUGH HE'S NOT
PERFECTED YET,
YOU'RE NO MATCH
FOR CHAOS!



"...OR MY
ICE-BOTS!

DARN!
WE'RE FROZEN
IN PLACE!



"NOW DESTROY
THEM BOTH!"



CAN'T MOVE...
AND...CHAOS...IS
TRYING TO...EAT...
ME...LIKE...AN...
ECHIDNA POP!

I DON'T
THINK SO,
YA LOUZY
'DROID!



LOOKS LIKE
CHAOS IS HAVING
TROUBLE AB-
SORBING THE
PART OF KNUX THAT'S
FROZEN...



...BUT IT'S
TOTALLY...

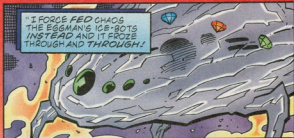


...WILLING TO
SETTLE FOR THE
REST OF HIM!



THAT
GIVES
ME...

SMASH



"I FORCE FED CHAOS
THE EGGMAN'S ICE-BOTS
INSTEAD AND IT FROZE
THROUGH AND THROUGH!"



GOOD! NOW,
WHILE CHAOS IS ON
THE ROPES, I SAY
WE FREE OUR-
SELVES~

HUH?!
IT LET
GO OF
ME!

WHAT...
HAPPENED?

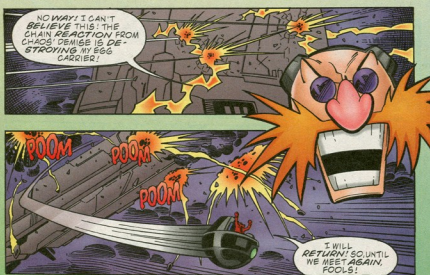
KRUNCH

KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH



--AND
BREAK IT
DOWN!

SMASH



SO MUCH
FOR THE EGGMAN'S
PLAN!

YESSS! AND
HIS CRUMMY EGGSHIP!
BURN, BABY, BURN!

BA-ROOM

THUS KNUCKLES RETURNS
TO THE MYSTIC RUINS IN
SEARCH OF REMAINING SHARDS...

...AND SONIC SPEEDS
BACK TO THE HIDDEN
CITY OF THE ANCIENTS...

SO
LONG,
BUB!

LATER,
GEE!

...WHERE THE OTHER FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ARE ALREADY RE-
TOICING AT AMY'S SAFE RETURN.

WHAT ABOUT BIG? WELL,
HE'S NO PILOT, THAT'S FOR
SURE! BUT HE'S SAFE
AGAIN WITH FROGGY.

AND THE EGGMAN?
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?
THE DASTARDLY
VILLAIN OF THIS
PIECE? HE'S
DEFINITELY
ESCAPED--

--BUT WHAT'S
THAT BLUE
OOZE ON THE
SIDE OF HIS
CRAFT?

LEARN THE EXCITING
ANSWER IN SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG # 83!

SONIC GRAMS SPECIAL

OFF PANEL

By Gallagher, Manak



The Further Adventures...

Hey, fans-- regular SONIC writer Karl Bollers filling in for Justin F. Gabriele here. If you're reading this guest editorial, it probably means you just finished the latest installment in Archie Comics' adaptation of Sega Dreamcast's "Sonic Adventure" videogame-- a tale so epic, it spans the course of SONIC issues #79-85 plus this 48-page SPECIAL-- making it the longest multi-part story in SONIC history. And although the other creators and I managed to cover much of the events that occur in the actual game, we just had to admit to ourselves that the game was so mind-blowingly expansive that every story detail couldn't be squeezed in without devoting even more issues to it. If you're lucky enough to play the game, you'll experience several action sequences that don't occur in the comics. See Tails as he tries to stop Doctor Robotnik from detonating a bomb deep in the heart of Station Square! Witness while Amy Rose seeks out the feathered and free E-102 pays the ultimate price after a desperate attempt at freeing the other E-100 series robots from the Eggman's control! Find out why Tails' "Tornado" changed color from red to blue during the course of this very issue! Well? Go check it out!



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However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read.

Correspondence may be edited due to space limitations. Thanks for understanding!

Footnote References:

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- 1) In SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #76. 2) In SONIC #79.
3) In SONIC #80. 4) Spicy anastasi. 5) Also in SONIC #79.
6) See "Swallowing Trouble" in #80. 7) In SONIC #81.
8) See "A New Planck" in #81.
9) See "Dear To The Past" in SONIC #83.
10) See "Night of Chant" in SONIC #82. 11) STP #81.
12) "Overlanders" are the human inhabitants of Mobius.
13) Water.

Re: SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10, "Crossover Chaos," which guest-starred Sabrina the Teenage Witch and also introduced readers to the world of SONIC UNDERGROUND (based on the latest cartoon to feature everybody's favorite fleet-footed hedgehog):

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Let me say that your comics rock! I really liked SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10. My favorite part was the Sabrina the Teenage Witch crossover. I have a few questions. 1) What is Sally's mother's name? 2) Is St. John one of the Freedom Fighters? 3) How did Evil Sonic get all the other Sonics to put together Giant-Borg? Let me know.

Eric Zaworski (age 9)
Ontario, CAN

Glad you liked our crossover, Eric. 1) Sally's mom is Queen Alicia. 2) St. John is the leader of King Max's Secret Service, but Evil St. John (from Evil Sonic's zone) is leader of the Evil Freedom Fighters. 3) He impersonated the real Sonic.

Yo Sonic,

I got SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10, and it was G-R-E-A-T! I liked how you beat that Giant-Borg thingy for the second time. I was wondering what kind of animal is Sally? A chipmunk or a squirrel? I can't wait to see the next SONIC SPECIAL. I bet it will be super! Keep up the super work!

Jodi "Nightwolf" Shockley
J.S. Nightwolf @ Nightwolf.com

Sally is part squirrel/part chipmunk, "Nightwolf", and if you picked up SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11, by now you know that it was absolutely...well, super!

Dear Sonic,

I just got SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10, "Crossover Chaos." It was the best SONIC ever. It was awesome seeing Sabrina the Teenage Witch and Salem the Cat make an appearance. It was way cool having a human villain. But the best part of the comic was "Tone Wars: A Tale of Two Hedgehogs." It was weird to see that Evil Antoine is brave (but I have to admit that the good version of Antoine is a little brave). I think it was total genius putting Sonic, Sonia, Manic, and their reality in the comic. They've become my favorite characters out of all the Sonic and Knuckles comics, so could you please bring them back? I like them a lot!

Jason Hall (age 11)
Saskatchewan, CANADA

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In Two Weeks: If you thought that THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION of the new SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE" was over, think again! Chaos makes a victory comeback and it's up to Sonic, Knuckles, Tails, Amy Rose, and the entire gang to stop it from destroying the Hidden City of the Ancients! You don't want to miss this splashy mini-epic by Bollars, Butler, and Ekundu! All in the next action-packed issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #83 on sale early April 2000!



There aren't any immediate plans to feature the SONIC UNDERGROUND Sonic or his siblings here in the future, Jason, but check your local TV station listings for their cartoon. It's really way past cool!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just finished SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10 and it was a blast! I loved "Zone Wars: A Tale of Two Hedgehogs," but I've got some questions about it: 1) Do Manic and Sonia have the speed of their bro? 2) Is "Sideways Man" Zone Cop Zonic another version of the blue blur? Thank you for making SONIC comics. They're the best thing that's happened to me.

Sango Imzi-Hall
Lee, NH

We're really pleased as punch to hear that, Sango! Letters like yours are the best thing to happen to us! Now, for your questions: 1) Sonia and Manic don't possess Sonic's speed, but they do have a few talents of their own. 2) If you read SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #12, you know by now that Zonic is indeed a version of Sonic from a perpendicular zone.

Dear Sonic,

Hi, my name is Gary. I'm one of your biggest fans. I just finished reading SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10. It was fantastic. I have a few questions for you: 1) What will happen to Lupe and the Wolf Pack? Are they going to stay on that island forever? 2) Will Evil Sonic get revenge? 3) Are you going to bring back your TV series? 4) When are Barby and Tails going to get back together!

Gary Williams
St. Petersburg, FL

1) Lupe and the Wolf Pack appeared in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11, Gary. 2) We'll bet that Evil Sonic is planning his revenge at this very moment. 3) Sonic's old TV series is in syndication in some places, but you'd have to check your local station listings, okay? 4) Most likely when Robo-Robotnik threatens to take over the continent of Downunda.

To All The People At Archie.

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10 was awesome in my opinion. I liked that Manic and Sonia made an appearance finally. I think it would be awesome if you did more with SONIC UNDERGROUND in the comic. That raises another question I want to bring up. Why are so many characters introduced into

the comic all of the time! First Nate and Elias, and then that Zone Cop Zonic shows up and says he regulates the parallel dimensions from a perpendicular one! That sounds kinda cheery to me and kinda silly that there are so many Sonics in different dimensions, but I'm just a silly 16-year old girl, so what would I know? As a fan, I sincerely ask that no more characters be introduced into the comic unless need be. With too many characters, you won't know what to do with them. Fine, it does broaden other areas to explore with the characters, but then what next? You have so many characters that it's confusing to us old and new SONIC fans and readers. I think that if the comic doesn't go as well as it should with all the changes, that you try SONIC UNDERGROUND. It's a new SONIC concept. He's a prince, has two cool siblings, plays in a rock'n' band, and has a (unsubscribed) mother on the run from Robotnik. It's basically like a mix between the weekday ADVENTURES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and the ABC Saturday morning SONIC THE HEDGEHOG cartoons, and it's appealing to my eyes. Although even if the comic did go downhill, I'd still remain loyal. Maybe because I'm a true-blue, die-hard Sonic lover. That's all for my opinions at the moment. Thanks for listening.

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You raise an interesting point, Tamara. How many characters are too many, especially when fans have their personal favorites? We think if you look at Sonic and the Freedom Fighters (Princess Sally, Tails, Bunnie, Antoine, and Amy Rose) as the main players and view everyone else as a supporting (or "satellite") character in orbit around each of them, it becomes less confusing and more like real-life. For example, King Max, Prince Elias, and Queen Alicia revolve around Sally; Jules, Bernie, and Uncle Chuck revolve around Sonic himself.

Well, that's all for now. Thanks to everyone who took the time to drop us a line.

So until next issue...

Keep it real!

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